

BIG LAND FRAUDS UNEARTHED

PROMINENT MEN AND FEDERAL OFFICERS INVOLVED.

The Pacific Coast States the scene of their operations. The grantees, members of a well organized ring, dummy entries of valuable timber lands.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 21.—Gigantic land frauds, involving prominent citizens and Federal officers on the Pacific Coast and in Washington, D. C., have been brought to light by agents of the Interior Department and of the Secret Service in California, Oregon and Washington State. Millions of acres of the most valuable forests in the United States are the stake for which these men have played, but it is certain the leaders in the conspiracy will be prosecuted in the near future, with a good chance of conviction.

The most startling feature of the investigation, which has been secretly going on in these States for the last six months, is that the persons involved in the effort to defraud the Government, although living in widely separated places, are all members of a well organized ring.

Several Senators from States in the western part of the country are mentioned in connection with the land frauds, although their relation to the grantees is supposed to be, in most cases, that of protecting the guilty persons from prosecution by the Government.

The evidence thus far secured is of such a character as to make it certain that the land scandals will equal in importance the postal fraud cases, and will involve larger sums of money than have been involved in any Government investigation for many years.

The names of men who sold to members of the land grafters' ring the "dummy" entries of timber lands have been secured, and also evidence that will lead to the arrest of several persons prominently connected with lumber companies and with Government land offices in the three Coast States.

The greatest frauds are supposed to have been perpetrated in California and Oregon, although the grantees have operated to a considerable extent in the State of Washington. Minor officials and clerks in the General Land Office in Washington, D. C., it is known to the investigators, have supplied information to the ring in regard to the contemplated withdrawal of forest lands from the public domain by the Government.

The meat of the scandals was found in the system of "dummy" selections. Representatives of wealthy lumber mill owners wishing to secure large forest areas at a trifling cost, have been in the habit of securing the services of "dummy" men, with whom they were in collusion, "tips" in regard to contemplated withdrawals for forest reserve purposes.

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PROFITED BY SCOTT'S THEFT.

Judge Says Insurance Man, Unnamed, Should Be Fined—Scott to Prison.

John A. Scott, treasurer of the London Assurance Company, who stole nearly \$25,000 from the concern, was sent to State prison yesterday by Judge Foster in the General Sessions on an indeterminate sentence of from one to five years. His lawyer informed Judge Foster that an officer of the company, whom he did not name, had borrowed so much money from Scott that the latter had been obliged to steal. "The officer," said the lawyer, "knew that Scott's salary was not large, but sometimes he borrowed as much in a week as Scott's salary was for a year. Thus, being able to make money in this way, he was able to live in a comfortable manner and physically and has been entirely under the influence of this other officer."

GARMAN AND HIS DOLLAR.

Tragedy Recounted by the Liquor Men Lacks the Fifth Act.

One of the products of the United Liberty League's tireless typewriters yesterday was a tale of how a cab driver of the name of Edward Quinn had been wronged at the License Bureau and had to pay an extra dollar for a renewal of his license. This narrative recounts that one of the workers of the Women's Municipal League approached the clerk with a request for a license for a horse and to the unbridled story. Then she went down to the Mayor's office and poured it into the ear of Secretary of the B. Reardon, who said that he'd fire the man who took the dollar if Quinn would identify him. But Quinn wouldn't, so there are only four typewritten pages of this hansom tragedy.

EXPERT TO CATCH LEONARD.

East Orange Police Say That the Alleged Forger Is in Cordland.

The East Orange police notified the local police last night that they were on the trail of Clarence B. Leonard, the young man who was charged with forging the name of Mr. Harkins & Sons, account manager for Harkins & Sons, who was wanted here for forgery. They said they had traced him to Cordland, N. Y. Leonard presented two forged checks aggregating about \$10,000 at two downtown banks a week ago and after getting the money disappeared. He is supposed to be accompanied by Miss Katherine Miller, whose family lives near the Leonard family in East Orange.

FUMIGATORS SCARED 'EM.

St. Paul Building Tenants Worried by Health Board Notice.

Some of the tenants of the big St. Paul Building were disturbed yesterday when they saw on the office door of Lawyers Marx and Mayer a Board of Health notice saying that the room was not to be occupied until after 2:30 o'clock because of the use of fumigating gas. Mr. Marx gave this explanation: "My partner, Mr. Mayer, died a week ago on a train that was bringing him home from the Adirondacks. He had tuberculosis of the lungs, but died of heart disease. I did not want my woman stenographer or the office boy to take any chance of catching consumption, so I asked the Board of Health to fumigate the room, and it was done."

FRESHLY STYED CONDEMNED RAISES LAW.

ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 21.—The New York State Prisoners' Union, in session here, at their first business meeting to-day, condemned in vigorous terms the Raines law. Although this condemnation was regarded unanimously in the end, the topic brought out a protracted debate.

FOUND OUT; KILLED HIMSELF.

Confidential Clerk Had Stolen \$40,000 From His Employers.

Charles S. Hanaw, 26 years old, a book-keeper and confidential clerk in the employ of Brand Bros., clothing, of 688 Broadway, shot himself yesterday at his residence, 226 East 115th street, and died two hours later in the Harlem Hospital. His firm had discovered that he was a defaulter to the extent of \$38,000.

Hanaw, who had been with the firm for seven years, was to have been married soon. While he was away ill the firm went through his books and discovered the shortage.

Hanaw went to the office yesterday and told Charles W. Brand, one of the firm, that he would be able to return to work in a few days. J. A. Brand, one of the brothers, then told Hanaw that his thefts had been found out, and that he had better make a clean breast of the whole thing.

Hanaw broke down, and said that the amount of the two checks was all that he had stolen, and offered to take the Brand brothers to his home and show them his bankbooks. They went with him to his apartments and sat in the dining room while he went to the sideboard to get his bankbooks. He fumbled around and then said the books were in the front room. He went to the parlor and shot himself.

MISS FAMILTON REARRANGED.

Girl With Two Husbands Will Be Tried in Queens County.

FLUSHING, L. I., Oct. 21.—Miss Margaret Familton of Whitestone was rearranged before Magistrate Healy to-day on a charge of bigamy. She is accused of having married within twenty-four hours Frederick W. Kirkman and Edward Roche. Lawyer Walter S. Bagan of Long Island City, who represented the girl, waived examination and Miss Familton was held in \$500 to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Mr. Bagan questioned the District Attorney as to the latter's jurisdiction in the case. The marriages were performed in Manhattan and counsel argued that therefore the case was in the jurisdiction of the District Attorney of New York county. Magistrate Healy decided that section 200 of the Penal Code gave to District Attorney Gregg power to act in the case.

CONGRESS OF P. E. BISHOPS.

Attitude of the Church Toward Churches Subject to Name Is Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The principal topic of interest at to-day's session here of the Pan-American Congress of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church was a discussion of the attitude of the Episcopal Church toward churches subject to the Roman obedience. Papers on the subject were read by Bishop William Pare, of New York, and Bishop John H. Vane, of the Diocese of New York. A discussion followed in which many of the delegates took part.

The congress decided at yesterday's session that its proceedings should be "sacredly confidential," and the views expressed to-day by the participants in the discussion were not obtainable. Bishop Hall, chairman of the press committee, said that resolutions on the subject were introduced, and that a committee had been appointed to consider them.

MOVEMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The gunboat Concord has arrived at San Francisco and the cruiser Montgomery at Ensenada, Argentina Republic. The cruisers Atlanta, Baltimore and Chicago, the training ship Buffalo, the gunboat Peoria and the tug Neosho have sailed from Boston for the Cape Ann trial course to participate in the speed trials of the Missouri and the Denver; the training ship Alert from San Diego for a cruise, the gunboat Villalobos from Hankow for Yenchow, the gunboat Don Juan de Austria from Takow for Hong Kong, the training ship Albatross from San Juan for Pensacola.

Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the Atlantic training squadron, has transferred his flag from the Yankee to the Minneapolis.

REDUCED FREIGHT RATES TO THE WEST INDIES.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Reduced ocean freight rates between New York and points in the West Indies will result from the establishment of a new steamship line, according to Consul Yates of Antigua and Commercial Agent Haven of St. Christopher. Mr. Yates says the new line will charge 35 cents per dry barrel instead of 57 cents, and that the rate on sugar will be reduced from 18 to 10 cents per hundred pounds. Mr. Haven says the Royal Mail steamers will extend their line to San Juan, P. R., making that point their terminus.

BATTLESHIP MAINE ON HER RETURN TRIP.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The battleship Maine left Culebra Island yesterday for Hampton Roads, Va., on the second leg of her 2,400 mile trial run to test the efficiency of her boilers. The fact that she will have the Gulf Stream with her on her northern homeward trip has led to the belief that she may make even better time than she did on her quick trip to Culebra, the average for about 1,200 miles being 15 knots in 24 hours. It is expected that she will reach Hampton Roads not later than Saturday morning.

NEW U. S. MARSHAL FOR VERMONT.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The President to-day appointed Horace W. Bailey to be United States Marshal for the District of Vermont, to succeed Marshal Field, who was dismissed for permitting Chinese prisoners to escape from his custody. Senators Proctor and Dillingham and Representative Haskins and Foster were unsuccessful in their efforts to-day to secure from Attorney-General Knox a rehearing in Field's case, and the appointment of his successor followed.

AMERICAN RELEASED FROM GUATEMALAN PRISON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—In a telegram received to-day, Leslie Combs, United States Minister at Guatemala City, notified the State Department that Frank Brown of Mansfield, Ohio, who has been in a Guatemalan prison for a year, playing a part in the charge of assaulting an Italian, has been released. This Government demanded that Brown be set free or brought to trial. Mr. Combs says Brown has gone to work for a railroad company.

PROPOSED GENERAL MILITIA LAW.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Gen. Oliver, the Acting Secretary of War, has sent to the Governors of all States the draft of a proposed military law which is intended to bring the State militia organizations into harmony with the Regular Army, as required by the Militia law of Jan. 21, 1903. The idea of sending this draft to the Governors is to have them presented to State Legislatures for enactment into law.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—These navy orders were issued to-day: Capt. C. C. Corwell, from command of the Chicago and granted three months sick leave. Com. James H. Brown, from charge of Sixth Lighthouse district, Charleston, to navy yard, Long Island. Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Hodgson, from the Indiana to Charleston, as inspector of Sixth Lighthouse district. Lieutenant-Commander J. L. Purcell, to command the Albatross.

Lieutenant-Commander F. C. Bowers, from Baltimore to Hartford, as inspector.

Lieut. G. L. P. Stone, from the Wyoming, to naval hospital, Mare Island, for treatment.

Lieut. J. S. Doudridge, from the Connecticut to the U. S. S. Albatross.

Lieut. C. England, to the Connecticut.

Lieut. H. K. M. Bell, from the New York to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco.

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REVOLT AGAINST LITTAUER.

FULTON-HAMILTON MAY ELECT DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLYMAN.

Littauer's Methods Arouse the People Without Regard to Party—Attempt to Have the Courts Take Democratic Candidate's Name Off the Ballot Falls.

ALBANY, Oct. 21.—The attempt of Congressman Lucius N. Littauer of Gloversville and his political friends in the Fulton-Hamilton Assembly district to use the judiciary as an aid to the election of Mr. Littauer's candidate for the Assembly have so aroused the people of those two counties, without regard to party, that the result of the contest there is likely to lead to the election of Erastus Darling, the regular Democratic candidate. Mr. Littauer's candidate is Frank H. Wood of Gloversville, the present Republican Assemblyman.

Ex-Circuit Judge Clarence W. Smith of Johnstown had a majority of the delegates to the Republican convention which nominated Wood a short time ago. Judge Smith, however, is an anti-Littauer man, and Mr. Littauer, through the influence of the National Administration, the Post Office Department and other worldly means, succeeded in stealing away enough delegates from Judge Smith to force Mr. Wood's nomination. The best element of the Republican party in the district is with Judge Smith, apparently, and it induced him to agree to run as an Independent Republican candidate, and a petition containing the signatures of 1,200 Republican voters was secured.

This action on the part of the anti-Littauer Republicans was unlooked for by Littauer. Seeing defeat staring him in the face, he formed a coalition with the Democrats in the district, who have been lined up with Richard Croker to support Mr. Wood in the fight against the domination of David B. Hill in the Democratic State organization. Last fall Mr. Hill's Democratic State convention threw out the Judson delegates from Fulton and Hamilton counties and the Smith W. Wood delegates from Clinton county.

The aims of war were furnished the Judson faction by Littauer to contest the control of the Democratic Assembly convention, but the Judson forces were badly beaten at the primaries.

Democratic convention nominated Erastus Darling of Gloversville for the Assembly, and the Judson people bolted and nominated John T. Morrison. Mr. Darling is not a Hill, but an anti-Judson, Democrat.

Realizing the strength of Mr. Darling's combination, although expecting that the Judson Democrats would vote for Wood rather than their own candidate, Morrison, Littauer and his Republican friends and Democratic allies set out to prevent Darling or Smith from getting his name on the official ballot.

A few days ago Justice Spencer handed down a decision in a proceeding instituted by the Littauer people, ruling Judge Smith's name off the official ballot as an independent candidate on the ground that he was running as a candidate of "the independent Republican party," holding that the word "Republican" could not be used in such title.

Meanwhile Representative Littauer had the district Democratic convention at the Court Justice Henry T. Kellogg of Plattburgh for an order to declare that their candidate, Morrison, and not Erastus Darling, was the regular Democratic nominee, and, therefore, entitled to the place on the official ballot in the Democratic column.

Justice Kellogg handed down to-day a decision declaring Mr. Darling to be the regular Democratic nominee and repudiating the claims of the Littauer Democrats. As the situation stands to-night, Mr. Littauer's action has greatly helped the prospects of the election of Mr. Darling, because, it is asserted, many of the anti-Littauer Democrats have voted for Judge Smith who will now vote for Mr. Darling.

The Littauer Republicans and the Littauer Democrats have become bitter enemies. Mr. Littauer is now using his influence with Supreme Court Justices to keep Judge Smith and Mr. Darling's names off the ticket that citizens of Fulton and Hamilton counties, without regard to party, have become much aroused and threatened if they could not vote for a Republican or Democratic candidate for the Assembly next November. Mr. Littauer says he would vote for the prohibition nominee and elect him.

Justice Kellogg's decision in favor of Mr. Darling, has greatly relieved the situation, however.

The anti-Littauer feeling in Fulton and Hamilton counties among all classes of citizens is so intense that the assertion is made that the Democratic party for the Assembly can win. The fight is a purely personal one against Littauer.

THE LITTAUER GLOVE CASE.

Attorney-General Knox's Opinion Delivered to the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The Acting Secretary of War to-day received an opinion from Attorney-General Knox in regard to the case of Congressman Littauer of Gloversville, N. Y., against whom the War Department decided that it had established a prima facie case of being interested in the sale of gloves to the army. Secretary Root, in forwarding the Littauer matter to the Attorney-General, asked for an opinion as to whether the War Department should proceed against the Congressman to recover the sums of money which he had received through his participation in the sales of the gloves.

The text of the opinion will be made public to-morrow, and in the meantime the officers who know its contents are bound to refrain from discussing it. Beyond the bare fact that the criminal prosecution of Mr. Littauer is not advised, the only information obtainable as to the contents of the Attorney-General's ruling was a hint, which may have been based on mere conjecture, that the statute of limitations entered into the Attorney-General's consideration of the case.

Army glove contracts by which the War Department held Mr. Littauer had benefited were made in 1898, and his term of office as Representative expired on March 4, 1902, so that if in the Attorney-General's opinion the statute of limitations applies to the case, it would appear that Mr. Littauer's liability to prosecution had ceased on March 4, 1902.

One statement made to-day by an officer who was asked about the Attorney-General's opinion, and who may or may not have been familiar with it at the time, was that as the Government had lost nothing on the contract in which Mr. Littauer was interested, having received full value for the price of the gloves bought, it had no claim to the amounts paid to Mr. Littauer.

SEVEN CHILDREN IN FOUR YEARS.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 21.—Mrs. Michael Wilke of Laurel Hill, a Hungarian woman, holds the birth record of this part of the State. In four years she has given birth to seven children, all of whom are alive. Four years ago she had twins, two years ago twins again, and to-day triplets, two boys and a girl, arrived. They are strong and well.

ERIE'S OLDEST CONDUCTOR HIT BY TRAIN.

PATERSON, N. J., Oct. 21.—John R. Garrison of this place, the oldest conductor on the Erie Railroad, was struck by an engine at Waldwick and mortally injured to-day. Garrison was taken in an ambulance to the General Hospital. He is 75 years old.

PITTSBURGH BANK FAILS.

The Federal National Bank Goes Into the Hands of a Receiver.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 21.—The crippled Federal National Bank of this city, capitalized at \$2,000,000, has failed. Information was sent to the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington at midnight that the bank would not be able to open for business this morning, and Bank Examiner J. B. Cunningham was immediately appointed receiver.

Yesterday it was reported, as a cause of the bank's difficulties, that it held paper of some concerns that had been associated with the Reese-Hammond Fire Brick Company and the Bolivar, Pa. Bank, both of which were in the hands of receivers. President Langitt of the Federal National admitted that the bank held \$100,000 in notes of the Eastern Tube Company, which went into the hands of receivers lately.

Yesterday the directors of the bank, after being in session several hours, decided that they could not withstand the demands on the bank, and asked for aid from other local banks and bankers. It was said that in almost every instance this was refused. An appeal was made to the Pittsburgh Clearing House Association, and the committee, after debating the matter, decided that no aid could be extended. Yesterday between \$500,000 and \$800,000, it was said, was drawn from the institution by depositors and banks in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and New Jersey. The deposits yesterday were small. Small country banks were the principal depositors.

The Federal National Bank was chartered on Nov. 16, 1901. The capital is \$2,000,000 and the surplus fund \$400,000. The stock was put out at \$120 a share. It advanced rapidly on the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, and a few months after the organization it sold for \$144.75 a share. The bank's last report to the Comptroller of the Currency, as of Sept. 9, is as follows:

ASSETS.

Loans and discounts	\$5,038,072
Overdrafts	483
U. S. bonds	800,000
Stocks, securities, etc.	17,250
Real estate	200,000
Due from banks and bankers	1,130,262
Cash and cash items	675,862
Total	\$7,983,782

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	\$2,000,000
Surplus and profits	\$233,000
Circulation	700,000
Deposits	2,878,537
Unpaid dividends	1,440
Other liabilities	1,082,107
Total	\$7,983,782

Some time ago when the first signs of panic became apparent in this city, the banks and trust companies decided to stand by one another and support each other's checks. On Monday, local banks that were carrying Federal National Bank certificates ordered them lifted immediately. This was what led to the discovery that the bank was weak.

The National Park Bank and the Hanover National Bank are the local correspondents of the failed Federal National Bank of Pittsburgh. At the former bank it was stated yesterday that the Pittsburgh institution owed it nothing and had a small balance to its credit, while at the Hanover Bank it was said that the failure would not affect that bank in the least.

WABASH IN PHILADELPHIA.

George Gould Writes That He Is Not Ready Yet to Disclose His Plans.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—George J. Gould has replied to the communication of the Trades League of this city in which that body offered to cooperate with him in securing an entrance to this city for the Wabash Railroad. It was said that Mr. Gould, who is president of the league, although it was said expressly that Mr. Gould had not given any hint in the communication as to what plans he has in view.

Mr. Gould, however, expressed his gratification at the action of the organization, and it was learned from a usually authoritative source that he declared his intention of securing terminals in this city. His who said, were not matured, but he determined to secure the entry of the Wabash, despite all opposition. He did not want to make any premature declaration of plans.

It was because of this feeling on Mr. Gould's part that the league refused to make the text of the letter public. Secretly, Mr. Gould said, the league said: "While Mr. Gould made no request for us to keep the letter from publication, we think such a course best. He did not say we were to keep it secret, but we did we expect him to do so at the time. We expect to receive a letter from President Ramsey of the Wabash shortly, in which he will state his intention, can be made. Mr. Gould, however, was determined from his purpose of seeking an entry here by the difficulties put in his way by other roads."

IRON TRADE OUTLOOK.

"Iron Age" Takes a Gloomy View of the Situation in That Industry.

The Iron Age, in its weekly review, takes a rather gloomy view of the iron trade. It says: "The condition of the iron trade shows no improvement. As week after week rolls by the iron trade is being worked off and the gap is only partially filled by incoming work. Affairs are mixed in pig iron, the basis of the whole industry, the manufacturers of the central West are now discussing the question of restricting the product further, to about 100,000 tons."

The trade is watching for developments in the rail industry. A good deal of interest is being taken in the question of the future of the iron trade. The iron trade is now in a state of uncertainty. The iron trade is now in a state of uncertainty. The iron trade is now in a state of uncertainty.

NEW DENVER & RIOGRANDE STOCK.

President Jeffery Says the Road Is Retrenching Moderately.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad Company was held in Denver yesterday, at which it was voted to increase the preferred stock from \$4,100,000 to \$5,000,000, making a total of \$8,000,000 of preferred and common stock outstanding. Part of the proceeds of the new preferred stock will be used to purchase the Crystal River Railroad.

Edward T. Jeffery, president of the company, who was in this city yesterday, said that while the business prospects in the territory traversed by the road were generally very encouraging, as a matter of prudence the company was retrenching and improving work and had been reducing its working force moderately.

LAKE SUPERIOR COMPANY REORGANIZATION.

The reorganization committee of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company has adopted the plan of reorganization. It is said that the committee stated that it was necessary that the stockholders be reorganized, or the property will be forever lost to them. There has been expended on it about \$100,000, as well as the \$1,000,000 loan of the company, and it is now \$1,100,000 owing for floating indebtedness. Under the reorganization plan the stockholders are asked to raise \$5,000,000.

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ATTACKING ALVERSTONE.

London Daily Mail Denounces His Decision in the Alaskan Case.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Oct. 22.—The Daily Mail, which is carrying on an agitation against Lord Chief Justice Alverstone because of his decision in the Alaskan boundary dispute, attacks his "conscientious hesitations." It declares that the more the subject is studied the less comprehensible the award appears. It is an ignominious concession of the whole question, suggesting entire misapprehension or excessive pusillanimity.

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